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SUBJECT: POLISH/GERMAN AGREEMENT

FOR SONNENFELDT AND HARTMAN

1. I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH VAN WELL OVER THE WEEKEND AND THIS MORNING BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR LUXEMBOURG. HE SAYS THAT, WHILE GENSCHER HAS CONTINUED DEALING WITH THE POLISH AMBASSADOR HERE IN THE PAST DAYS ABOUT A POSSIBLE POLISH STATEMENT, THE PRECISE TIMING AND CONTENTS OF SUCH A STATEMENT ARE STILL UNCERTAIN. GENSCHER HAS ALSO BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE NEW CDU MINISTER-PRESIDENT OF NIEDERSACHSEN, ALBRECHT, WHO HAS ACCEPTED THAT WHAT IS NEEDED IS A CLARIFICATION OF THE POLISH/GERMAN AGREEMENT RATHER THAN A NEW AGREEMENT. GENSCHER HAS ASSURED HIM THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO FURNISH THE OPPOSITION WITH AS MUCH CLARIFICATION AS IT HAS ITSELF.

2. VAN WELL ADDED THAT, WHILE A SOLUTION IS STILL NOT AT HAND, HE IS MORE HOPEFUL THAN HE WAS A FEW DAYS AGO THAT SOMETHING CAN BE WORKED OUT. BOTH THE CDU
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MINISTER-PRESIDENT OF THE SAARLAND, ROEDER, AND ALBRECHT

MADE RELATIVELY HELPFUL STATEMENTS OVER THE WEEKEND, PROVIDING FORMULATIONS ON THE BASIS OF WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HOPES IT CAN ARRIVE AT SOMETHING WITH THE POLES.

3. THIS MORNING'S PRESS REPORTS ALBRECHT AS HAVING STATED THAT THE CDU'S REQUIREMENTS, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO FREEDOM OF EMIGRATION FOR ALL GERMANS, CAN BE MET WITHOUT DEMANDING THAT THE POLISH AND GERMAN GOVERNMENTS MAKE CORRECTIONS IN THE ACTUAL LANGUAGE ON WHICH THEY HAVE ALREADY AGREED. HE ADDED NOT TOO CLEARLY THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE ONLY TO BRING INTO A PRECISE AND LEGALLY BINDING FORM WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN SAID ON THE MARGIN IN THIS OR THAT FORM.

4. IN A SIMILAR INTERVIEW, ROEDER SAID HE WOULD VERY MUCH WELCOME IT IF SOME SIGN CAME OUT OF WARSAW WHICH COULD RECEIVE THE BROAD APPROVAL OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE. HOWEVER, THE POLISH GOVERNMENT COULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO DO SOMETHING WHICH WOULD PLACE ITS CREDIBILITY IN QUESTION. THAT WOULD NATURALLY SPOIL THE ATMOSPHERE.
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